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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 – T&P Tavern, Fort Worth, TX.

When 7 pm meet 'n' greet. 7:30 pm meeting.
Where T&P Tavern, 221 W. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth,
 Texas, 76102. (817) 885-8878. More information:
<http://www.tptavern.com/>



Parking: Free at the TRE Parking Lot behind the station.
Program: Texas and Pacific 610 Steam Engine (video).

Special Features

Special Visitors at “24 Hours @Saginaw”

Rail Fan Reunion
 each Memorial Day Weekend
 Saginaw, Texas - REA’s President Report



For more information, see the organization’s web site at
<http://www.railhopeamerica.com>

Many thanks to The Railroad Evangelist Association for sharing this article from their publication All Aboard, The Rail Evangelist magazine, Summer 2017 with the North Texas Chapter.

(Source: 6/25/2017, Skip Waters personal email).

“On the right is REA President David Wiegand with Mr. Steve Allen Goen, author, videographer and historian laureate and chronicler of Texas railroads. To the left of him is Ernest W. Robart. Ernest is a published author, railroad photographer and the best chronicler of the D&RGW narrow gauge operations. Both Ernest and David made a presentation to the North Texas Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society (June 2017) of their work experience as car attendants, (still able to fit in their uniforms!) for the Santa Fe from 1971-1973. Their presentation was very well received as well as a large number of REA’s Railroad Evangelist magazine, “All Aboard!” David made available.”



News from NRHS National

Membership Update, July 2017

by Al Weber, President NRHS.

The NRHS strives continuously to improve the benefits and value you receive as a member. At the 2017 Spring Conference in Claymont, Delaware, several changes were discussed to make membership more flexible and relevant to members.

In recognition of our long-standing members, a new membership type will be available. If you have been a member for 25 continuous years (or more), are ninety years of age (or older), you are honored with a reduction in member dues. Starting in 2018, annual dues rate for this membership type only will be one half of the regular member rate that is in effect at that time. Chapters are invited to consider a similar membership type for their long-time members. This change does have a financial impact at the national level. Chapters could help by making an unrestricted donation in the long-time member's name to National to help support this type of membership.

A membership change has been suggested to honor members and veterans of the armed forces. This membership type will be discussed and finalized at the NRHS Board meeting in Nashville. For any veteran or current member of the armed forces who has not joined NRHS before, a free one year membership would be available on a limited basis. It would be valid for the current membership year only. Hopefully, the member would renew as a full dues paying member. This is a new opportunity for chapters to attract and recruit new members, as well as honor individuals with military service.

Both membership initiatives have a financial cost for National. To support the 90+ year rate reduction, chapters could help by making an unrestricted donation in the long-time member's name to National. The armed forces and veterans membership will be limited in availability. However, this will provide a way for new members from the armed forces to experience the fellowship of preservation and rail activities and join us in NRHS projects and events.

Your local library (public or academic) is an excellent location for NRHS and chapter outreach. Public libraries are a good venue to share your chapter's activities, programs and local rail history. Displays can tell the story of your chapter, activities, how to join and be involved with railroad history and preservation. This type of outreach has a good track record for attracting members and making your chapter more visible in the community. All it takes a visit to your local public library and an offer to share your chapter's story, program or display.

This is the peak time of year for chapter events and excursions. Get your FREE outreach and publicity through the NRHS. Send a description to Charles Williams (email to nrhsnews@charter.net) and your event will be seen by many through the NRHS Facebook page. After the event, get more FREE publicity by sharing your story with other railroad fans. Please send photos and a field report for the NRHS News. This is a great way to attract more visitors and participation in your events next year!

Hope to see you at the 2017 National Convention in Nashville. Al.

(Source: NRHS Telegraph, June 2017 issue, p. 2.)

North Texas Chapter News

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2017.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: June 6, 2017.

Minutes of the May 2017 Meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS

The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at Sokol Hall in Dallas TX. Dave Podrahsy served as host. There were 10 attendees.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order about 7:30 PM. The Chapter recognized new member Sam Metzgar, who joined at this evening's meeting.

The first items of discussion concerned the recently completed "24 Hours at Saginaw" event, which was deemed a success. Coordinator Skip Waters reported that a total of 67 trains passed by the Saginaw Depot during the 24-hour period, the second highest total on record. This number greatly exceeds last year's train count of 33, the lowest on record, primarily attributable to massive flooding along sections of both the BNSF and UP lines.



Regarding the financial items, President Wayne Smith reported that donations totaled \$350. The silent auction yielded \$208 in revenue. Three boxes of slides were provided to the slide auction, which in 2-1/2 hours netted \$73 for the Chapter. Finally, the Chapter sold four of the Dave Bernstein Southern Pacific books.

Secretary Jerry Nunn donated the ice and water for the event, so there were no expenses to the Chapter for these items.

President Wayne Smith recognized Dave Gramm and Tom Cox. Dave manned the lobby desk in place of Bob Kennedy, who was unable to participate this year. Tom remained at the Saginaw Depot for the entire Friday night-Saturday morning time. Also, Wayne recognized Tom Marsh and Howard (from Houston), who stayed the whole time to provide a train count.

In closing, Wayne reminded the attendees that the Chapter now has a Facebook page, and invited all to join the group.

VP Programs Jon Shea reported that he is in contact with the T&P Tavern to discuss the possibility of having the facility host the July Chapter meeting. Note that because July 4 falls on the first Tuesday in July, the Chapter meeting will take place July 11.

On the subject of future meetings, member Don Novak will check with the management at the Fort Worth Amtrak station regarding the possibility of having a Chapter meeting in one of the Amtrak passenger cars. There are typically one or more passenger cars and a locomotive that stay in Ft. Worth as "protection" equipment. Lighting and air conditioning could be supplied from the locomotive, or from ground power, whose installation is scheduled in the near future. Don will report results to Jerry Nunn or Skip Waters.

Jon passed around for attendee perusal a newsletter from the Galveston Railroad Museum, and a photo of a Galveston streetcar, scheduled to begin service in 2018. He also passed around some old photos of the Texas Special.

Skip Waters reported on the status of the NRHS National Convention, scheduled to take place in Nashville in June. Skip and Edwin Pegelow are scheduled to attend. All trips are either sold out or at 90%+ capacity. Skip mentioned a "cab ride option" for one of the trips. The cost is \$50 for 30 miles, or \$100 for 60 miles. Current availability of cab seats was not discussed.

While membership levels at the national Chapter have remained the same, finances continue in "good shape".

Jerry Nunn, who presented his slideshow that he gave at the "24 Hours at Saginaw" event, provided the evening program.

The meeting adjourned about 9:20 PM. **Jerry M. Nunn**, Secretary, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2017.

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North Texas Chapter History

Founded and chartered in 1996, the North Texas Chapter is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) educational organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Texas. Emphasis of the chapter is activity, history, and enjoyment of railroading past and present. Meetings are held 7:30-10:00 PM, first Tuesday of each month, usually (but not always) at the Grapevine "Founders Building" at Main St. and the FWWR railroad tracks. Visitors and newcomers are welcome. Chapter membership includes our monthly chapter newsletter, the *North Texas Zephyr*. As of October 2014, chapter dues (\$16, plus \$2 per additional family member) should be sent to the Chapter. Chapter mailing address: North Texas Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 600304, Dallas, Texas 75360. Learn about the National Railway Historical Society at www.nrhs.com If you change your email address on file with the NRHS, please send the old and new email addresses to info@nrhs.com.



North Texas Calendar

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Tues. August 2, 2017	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location, Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tues. Sept. 5, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location, Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tues. Oct 3, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location, Program:</i> to be confirmed.
	** Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. <i>Location is confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.</i>

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Announcing a new book published by the North Texas Chapter, NRHS written by David M. Bernstein!

Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines 1946 - 1996

Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines 1946-1996

Written by David M. Bernstein, former Southern Pacific train dispatcher and officer, this 400 page book is illustrated with color and black & white photographs and numerous maps. It is the definitive guide to the operation and history of S.P. Lines in Texas and Louisiana from the end of World War II until the Union Pacific merger.

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